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C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 1063

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SUBJ: SOARES' VISIT TO DENMARK

REF: COPENHAGEN 997 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: SOARES' QUICK VISIT TO DENMARK REAFFIRMED
THAT DANES WILL SUPPORT PORTUGUESE ENTRY INTO EC.
BOTH DANES AND SOARES PLEASED BY VISIT. END SUMMARY.

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2. MFA DEPUTY POL DIRECTOR, AMBASSADOR DYVIG, BRIEFED
DCM ON SOARES' VISIT. SOARES WENT THROUGH USUAL
RITUAL ABOUT PORTUGUESE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS COUPLED
WITH POLITICAL NEED TO BUILD STRONG TIES WITH EUROPE.
IN PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH PM JORGENSEN, FONMIN K.B.
ANDERSEN AND FOREIGN ECONOMIC MIN IVAR NORGAARD,
SOARES MADE THE POINT THAT PORTUGAL NEEDED THE

ECONOMIC HELP OF THE EC TO BRING THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT TO THE POINT OF FULL MEMBERSHIP. HE SAID THAT PORTUGAL WOULD BE READY TO APPLY FORMALLY NEXT YEAR AND ASSUMED THAT FULL MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE OBTAINED EARLY IN THE 1980S. HE TOLD THE DANES THAT THE EC AID TO PORTUGAL NEED NOT BE ONLY A ONE-WAY STREET. IN RETURN PORTUGAL COULD DEVELOP ITS MINERALS AND FISHING INDUSTRIES WHICH COULD COMPLEMENT ECONOMIES OF OTHER EC COUNTRIES.

3. SOARES THEN TURNED TO WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS "POLITICAL NECESSITY" FOR PORTUGAL TO JOIN EC. TO MAKE HIS POINT CLEAR, HE SAID THAT "PORTUGAL DOES NOT WISH TO BE EITHER THE CUBA OF EUROPE OR THE PUERTO RICO OF EUROPE."

4. THE DANES TOLD THE PORTUGUESE THEY WERE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE PORTUGUESE APPLICATION. THEY MADE THE POINT, HOWEVER, THAT A FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE COMMUNITY MUST NOT WEAKEN ITS CENTRAL STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE AND THAT PORTUGAL HAD TO BE READY TO BEAR THE OBLIGATIONS OF EC MEMBERSHIP AS WELL AS TO ACCEPT ITS BENEFITS. DANES WENT ON TO SAY THAT IF EVER OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES DESIRED TO JOIN THE EC, DENMARK WOULD SUPPORT THEIR APPLICATION. IN OTHER WORDS, EC MIGHT EVENTUALLY EXPAND NORTHWARD AS WELL AS SOUTHWARD.

5. SOARES WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED BY THE IRISH
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ATTITUDE. HE TOLD THE DANES HE HAD EXPECTED FULL SUPPORT FROM THE UK AND DENMARK BUT HAD BEEN DOUBTFUL ABOUT THE IRISH. IN POINT OF FACT, THE IRISH WERE JUST AS FORTHCOMING AS THE OTHER TWO.

6. SOARES TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE HE LEFT COPENHAGEN THAT HIS MEETING WITH HIS HOSTS HAD GONE EXCEEDINGLY WELL. HE SAID, "WE GOT JUST WHAT WE EXPECTED --- COMPLETE SUPPORT FROM THE DANISH GOVERNMENT."

7. DESPITE THE FACT THAT SOARES' VISIT WAS SO SHORT, HE WAS ENTERTAINED AT LUNCH BY THE QUEEN AND AT DINNER BY PM JORGENSEN, WHO INVITED SOME 60 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERS, INCLUDING MOST OF THOSE PROMINENT IN THE ELECTIONS EARLIER THIS WEEK.

8. COMMENT: THE DANES FEEL THAT THEY HAVE BEEN AS

FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THE VISIT WENT WELL. THEY STILL STATE PRIVATELY THAT THE PORTUGUESE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE THEY ARE READY FOR FULL EC MEMBERSHIP. NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN PORTUGAL'S CURRENT POLITICAL PROBLEMS AS WELL AS PROMISES MADE TO SOARES LAST YEAR DURING HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN, DANES FELT THAT THEY HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO LEND THEIR FULL SUPPORT.

9. WE WILL TAKE UP AGAIN (REFTEL) QUESTION OF PORTUGUESE ARMS ASSISTANCE.
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